GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Linking of Backward Areas to NHs
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether linking the backward districts and areas by roads and national highways in the country is necessary for development of the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for giving priority to construction of road highways in the said areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of the districts along with their States identified in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (e) The Ministry has taken up detailed review of National Highways (NHs) network with a view to improve the road connectivity to coastal / border areas, backward areas, religious places, tourist places, construction / rehabilitation / widening of about 1,500 major bridges and 208 Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) / Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) on NHs, improvement of newly declared NHs providing connectivity to District Head Quarters, Connectivity Improvement Program for Char-Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunothri & Gangothri in Uttarakhand) under proposed Bharatmala Pariyojana. However, the Bharatmala Pariyojana is yet to be formally launched.

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